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C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 102 and 103 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, chap. I.B) at its ___th meeting, on ___ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended those paragraphs to the General Assembly for adoption, as amended:

(a) Paragraph 102 was revised to read:

"102. The further development of cost-effective tools to collect and disseminate information for decision makers at all levels through strengthened data collection, including, as appropriate, gender disaggregated data, including information that makes visible the unremunerated work of women for use in programme planning and implementation, compilation and analysis, is urgently needed. In this context, emphasis will be placed on support of national and international scientific and technological data centres with appropriate electronic communication links between these centres";

(b) Paragraph 103 was revised to read:

"103. A supportive environment needs to be established to enhance national capacities and capabilities for information collection, processing and dissemination, especially in developing countries, to facilitate public access to information on global environmental issues through appropriate means, including high-tech information and communication infrastructure related to the global environment, in the light of country-specific conditions, using, where available, such tools as geographic information systems and video transmission technology, including global mapping. In this regard, international cooperation is essential".

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2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendment and recommended the paragraph to the General Assembly for adoption, as amended:

Paragraph 104 was revised to read:

"104. Environmental impact assessments (EIAs) are an important national tool for sustainable development. In accordance with principle 17 of the Rio Declaration, EIAs shall be undertaken for proposed activities that are likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and are subject to a decision of a competent national authority and, where appropriate, they shall be made available early in the project cycle."

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 105 to 107 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, chap. I.B) at its __th meeting, on __ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended those paragraphs to the General Assembly for adoption, as amended:

(a) Paragraph 105 was revised to read:

"105. The Commission's work programme on indicators for sustainable development should result in a practicable and agreed set of indicators, suited to country-specific conditions, including a limited number of aggregated indicators, to be used at the national level, on a voluntary basis, by the year 2000. Such indicators of sustainable development, including, where appropriate, and subject to nationally specific conditions, sector-specific ones, should play an important role in monitoring progress towards sustainable development at the

national level and in facilitating national reporting, as appropriate";

(b) Paragraph 106 was deleted.

(c) Paragraph 107 was revised to read:

"107. National reports on the implementation of Agenda 21 have proved to be a valuable means of sharing information at the international and regional levels and, even more important, of providing a focus for the coordination of issues related to sustainable development at the national level within individual countries. National reporting should continue (see also paragraph 125 (b) and (c))".